(c) The sports talent in the youth is identified and nurtured by Sports Authority of India (SAI) under its various schemes such as National Sports Talent Scheme, Army Boys Sports Company, SAI Training Centres, Special Area Games Centres. The children who have been performing consistently well at the international and national level are imparted training under the Centre of Excellence Scheme of the SAI.

All the above Schemes concentrate on popularizing and training children and youth in sports discipline which are held in the various multi-disciplinary events including Olympics.

(d) and (e) The talent, merit and fulfilment of the provision of the various Schemes are given priority irrespective of age. As such Government provides assistance to individual sports person/team as recommended by the concerned National Sports Federation.

Assistance to Uttaranchal for Construction of Sports Stadia

†1619. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether targets have been fixed to construct big and small sports stadia in various States;

(b) the number of big and small stadia proposed to be built in Uttaranchal during the present plan period alongwith locations thereof; and

(c) the details of the economic assistance being provided to the State of Uttaranchal for the construction of Stadia?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. There are no state specific allocations.

(b) and (c) The Government of India supplements efforts of the State Government to construct sports stadia by providing admissible Central assistance under the scheme of "Grants for Creation of Sports infrastructure".The Ministry has received proposals for construction of stadia from the State Government of Uttaranchal and the details of projects approved during the last 3 years are as below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No	Project	Central assistance approved
1	2	3
1.	State Level Sports Complex at Dehradun	365.663 on 31.3.2002
2.	Distt. Level Sports Complex Augustmuni Rudraprayag	143.784 on 31.3.2002
3.	Outdoor Stadium at Bungidhar	27.00 on 5.7.2002
4.	Outdoor Stadium category-l at Kot	27.00 on 5.7.2002
5.	Outdoor Stadium category-l at Nainidhanda	27.00 on 8.7.2002
6.	Outdoor Stadium category-l at Jaharikhal	27.00 on 8.7.2002
7.	Outdoor Stadium category-l at Ransi, Pauri	26.52 on 8.7.2002

2. In addition, 6 proposals for construction of outdoor stadia at Lwara, Nawashu, Bhrigukhal, Pabou, Lohaghat and Tapovan Road, Dehradun were referred back for rectification of deficiencies. Under another scheme of 'Grants for Promotion of Sports in Universities and Colleges', the revised proposal incorporating identified deficiencies for construction of Indoo\r Stadium at Birla Institute of Applied Science, Bhimtal, Uttaranchal is also awaited.